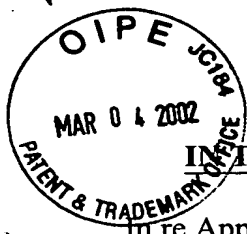


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Please amend the above-entitled application as follows:

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Pre-press proofing is a procedure that is used primarily by the printing industry for creating representative images of printed material. In the printing industry pre-press proofs are used to check for color balance, control parameters, and other important image quality requirements, without the cost and time that is required to actually produce printing plates, set up a printing press and produce an example of a representative image, which would result in higher costs and a loss of profits that would ultimately be passed on to the customer.

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